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## A Morning Motto.

Who can fathom the depth of a mother's love? No friendship so pure, so devoted; the wild storm of adversity and the bright sunshine of prosperity are all alike to her; however unworthy we may be of that affection, a mother never ceases to love her erring child. Often, when alone, as we gaze up to the starry heaven, can we in imagination catch a glimpse of the angels around the "great white throne," and among the brightest and fairest of them all is our sweet mother, beckoning us onward and upward to her celestial home.—R. SMITH.

## A Survival of the Unfit.

One of the best contributions to present day thought in favor of international disarmament and universal peace has been made by Dr. J. A. Macdonald, the editor of the Toronto Globe. It is a striking refutation of Bernhardi's dictum, which was published in his book on "Germany and the Next War" and which is as follows: "War is a biological necessity of the first importance, a regulative element in the life of mankind which cannot be dispensed with, since without it, an unhealthy development will follow, which excludes every advancement of the race, and therefore all real civilization."

This, according to Dr. Macdonald, is a "biological lie"; and he states the case convincingly in the following words:

"Its waste in blood, its waste in human protoplasm, its incalculable waste before their time of whole generations of unborn sons of heroic sires—that waste, reckoned and prodigal, can never be gathered up again. If biology means anything, if blood tells, then the wholesale slaughter of youth and vigor in the trenches and on the wide 'human abattoir' of Europe is loss that has no gain to match. And the loss is not alone of the stalwarts in their teens and twenties and thirties. There is a never-ending phantom host who ought to have been but never shall be—the unborn sons of soldier fathers who faced war's 'biological necessity.'"

"The weaklings survive, the cowards escape, the physically unfit are not called, the morally uncourageous are left to breed after their kind for the next generation; but the strong, the daring, the willing—they leave no breed behind."

War's call is: "Send us the best ye breed." The best are chosen first, and are first to fall. The fittest stand in the forefront and do not survive. Dr. Macdonald concludes that war's reversed selection makes for the survival of the unfit.

"The law works both ways: by it the nation climbs through breeding from its fit; by it the nation sinks by breeding from its unfit. This is the desolation war works in the human breed. The fittest do not survive."

Dr. Macdonald's theory is not new to the world of thought, but it is striking and impressive, and it is interesting to note that since the terrific carnage began in Europe it has been finding increased acceptance. In face of such logic it is hard to take stock in any argument that war is a national or racial necessity.

In ancient days when man went forth to war with little else than his muscular prowess to aid him in a fight against an enemy, the law of the survival of the fittest held good; but today, when the smallest action of the puniest of soldiers or sailors or airmen can hurl destruction among hundreds of physically splendid combatants, it is not a physical but a mechanical and scientific contest, in which the fittest receive the brunt of the injury and destruction. It is probably true that science has kept abreast with its inventions of defensive means as well as those of destruction, yet the casualties occur among the front ranks of the victorious as well as of the defeated. The fittest are mown down, and the loss of them and of their unborn is an irreparable loss to a race or a nation.

Is it not about time for mankind to put an end to this senseless, ravaging, deteriorating system of human slaughter?

## Co-operation That Counts.

In last Sunday's Telegram there appeared an article written by George W. Dudderar, secretary-treasurer of the Clarksburg Board of Trade, entitled "Credit to Whom Credit is Due." The article related to a cash bonus as an additional inducement to the McNichols Pottery Company, of East Liverpool, to locate a plant here. Ordinarily, cash bonuses are discouraged, but the board of trade appreciated the fact that the pottery concern would establish a permanent plant here, if it located here, and the very substantial nature of the business and the high business standing of the men identified with the ownership of the plant justified the cash bonus action.

As explained by Mr. Dudderar, who by the way has fully shown that his reputation as a "live wire" board of trade man was not overdrawn when he came to Clarksburg, the pottery concern liked Clarksburg very much but it hesitated to come here owing to the cost of dismantling at East Liverpool and the hauling of its building materials to Clarksburg. It was thought proper, therefore, to give the pottery people an extra inducement in the shape of a cash bonus and the board of trade set out in an earnest and systematic manner to raise the required amount. The task was not altogether an easy one, and yet it must be said that it was not as hard as one might suppose. The Clarksburg Board of Trade Land Company's offer of a free site was a stimulus to a campaign for funds which ended in a few weeks with the desired success. Business concerns and individuals readily grasped the fact that such a permanent and substantial industrial plant employing a large number of operatives at good wages and running constantly would be a great factor in the development of the community and materially increase and better trade conditions. It was easy, therefore, to contribute to the fund as the reward promised to be enduring and not limited alone to those who made investment through the donation method.

As the magnificent plant nears completion and the opening day of operation approaches, the many who contributed to the

fund and the company which gave the free site naturally take pride in the fact that their efforts are responsible to a large extent for this new industry here. It is a pleasure to commend their action to those who may have held aloof hoping they will see their own mistake and be in position to lend such co-operation if similar opportunity should come.

## Use the Seal.

Wherever there is a woman's organization whose mission is public welfare, the Red Cross Christmas seal is on sale now. The work of selling the seal is largely delegated to women as it is light work and of such a character as to be entered into more zealously than by men—men, the impression is, do not like to bother with little things.

While the seal is little, the cause it represents is big, and the nation should feel grateful that the women are giving their time to the sale of the seal.

It is not necessary to recite figures or facts here in connection with the great white plague as the anti-tuberculosis fight is familiar to all Telegram readers, and they all know that an important part is played in that fight by the Red Cross Christmas seal. What is aimed at herein particularly is, the annual opportunity to contribute to the work of fighting tuberculosis, presented by the seal sale. The plan as all know works no hardship on any contributor. He contributes his mite and does not feel it. The collective mites make a vast sum but none too much. This opportunity is to continue until Christmas and then for twelve months there will be no appeal, unless emergency arises.

As the Christmas season is always one of good cheer, one should not let the season go by without contributing to the good cheer of those whose lives are threatened with tuberculosis or who are wasting away as a result of its ravages. This can be done by using the Christmas seal when mailing letters and so forth. Do not overlook the little seal. It is pretty and its mission is noble.

## Work of Departments

At times there seems not to be due appreciation of the federal cabinet departments and their divisions at Washington and too often they are regarded solely as mere berths of those given political rewards. The truth is that men employed there have plenty of work and they must use their brains as well as their hands, if they measure up to requirements and give that efficiency the purposes of the departments include.

It was the work of a department of the federal government that stamped out the yellow fever horror in Mexico gulf cities years ago. More recently the work of a federal department associated with state aid checked the foot-and-mouth disease and now is about to eradicate it entirely. A recent news item from Washington, D. C., as follows shows another good work on the part of a government department and the same should be appreciated by all interested:

The Department of Agriculture has issued a warning to a number of states in which West Virginia is included against the buying of seed potatoes from Maine unless they bear the department's certificate showing the potatoes to be free from the powdery scab. They are also warned against the use of table potatoes for planting purposes, as these, according to the department, even though they do not show the disease, may have been exposed to it, which makes them unfit for planting. The warning was issued because of the alleged practice of a number of dealers in buying table stock and selling it for seed. These men are not violating any government law, but are exposing their customers to the risk of a dangerous disease, and to a quarantine should the powdery scab be introduced.

## Wider Application of Decision

Decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission ought to be made to apply more generally than they do. When one line of industry in a district gets a reduction of freight rates, it ought not to be necessary for other lines in the same community to have to apply for a decision, too, unless the classification is such as to require separate consideration on the part of the commission.

From one viewpoint it may be true that only those deserve relief who work for it, but that does not establish equity. For instance, while the window glass industries have gotten a rate reduction, the bottle industry is not regarded as covered by the commission's order and the railroad company need make no reduction on bottle shipments. The bottle makers were not before the commission and they did not contribute to the cost of procedure. The railroad company, so far as the Telegram knows, has expressed no intention to reduce their rates, although the belief is general that when the commission's attention is called to the matter it will order that they be given reductions. This indicates that the rate question of a community might well be considered by the commission from a collective standpoint rather than an individual one. Of course, that might mean sharing the reward with others who made no effort, but it rains on the just as well as the unjust and the man is doubly rewarded whose efforts for his own good bring good to others.

## Herrick Says "America First"

Myron T. Herrick, returned ambassador from France, who looked after American interests so well during the first part of the European war and who was given extraordinary honor by the French government just before his departure for home, asked for his views on the war said:

"Further than to say that war hurts everybody in the world, I do not care to discuss it. Of course there is a lot of misery caused by it, but we must take care of our people and then we must consider what we can share and divide up with those in need on the other side."

There is not only patriotism in Mr. Herrick's few remarks herein quoted but the "safety first" principle stands out prominently. His views are wholesome and sound not only from military standpoints but also in the matter of our benevolences. He believes in providing for one's own household first, giving our own needy what they need, and then giving to those abroad; but no one takes it that he discountsances our giving to the latter. Rather he impresses the fact that it is our duty to take care of our own and then to give to the needy in the war, of the plenty we have left.

A rather small boy was asked in the corridor of the postoffice the other night what he was doing out so late at night—it was about 11 o'clock. He said, "Mamma knows I am out." The boy questioned further by one who showed kindly interest in him had nothing to say in explanation why he was in the postoffice, and he seemed to have no mission whatever. He was doing no errand but merely standing around. While the mother knew her boy was out, as he said, she could not know what the boy was doing, or whether he was in mischief. The mother, therefore, while knowing her boy was in the streets did not know what he was doing, a knowledge best for the boy's welfare. The curfew is antiquated and relegated but in such instances it would prove a blessing to the children at least.

## WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

**What's So Piffle!**  
(Charleston Gazette)  
What is so piffle as a crusty man who takes himself seriously and doesn't believe in Santa Claus? From him shall be taken what little he hath, and woe shall be his portion.

**Christmas Joy**  
(Charleston Mail)  
Everybody in America, we believe would look upon the coming of Christmas with far more joy had there been no war in Europe. This is the feeling which makes all the world akin, and when this feeling grows all over the world, there will be no more war.

**Good Roads Scarce**  
(Charleston Mail)  
Good roads look mighty good at this time of the year. The only trouble with us in West Virginia is that they are also very scarce.

**Can He Do It!**  
(Huntington Herald-Dispatch)  
Great Britain's chancellor of the exchequer will come in for the bulk of criticism by the anti-war party in that country. He is expected to provide ample funds for the war expenses in such a way that the people will not feel the burden.

**Provokes Real Grief**  
(Weston Independent)  
The Independent is very sorry of the destruction of the old Jackson home. The loss suffered by those poor hard working families living there is a severe one. Then the loss of a historic old home with so great a sentimental value is something to provoke real grief.

**Many Awake**  
(Upshur Record)  
Conversions at the Martins Ferry tabernacle passed the thirteen hundred mark last Wednesday when five six "hit the trail" after Evangelist Bob Jones preached one of his strong, earnest sermons on the subject, "Awake, thou that sleepest."

**Merely a Cobb**  
(Wheeling Intelligencer)  
Irwin Cobb admits that his published interview with Lord Kitchener was reproduced from memory. According to the head of the British war department Mr. Cobb hasn't any memory worth speaking of.

**Just Think**  
(Grafton Sentinel)  
Members of the American Institute of Architects say the war has hurt their business. But think of the lot of new churches and city halls that will have to be built in Europe after the war is over.

**Where Is He!**  
(Fairmont West Virginian)  
What has become of the young fellow who used to carry on a conversation with his best girl by using a series of peppermint lozengers with love sentiments printed thereon?

**Where to Place Them**  
(Wheeling Register)  
It is a good idea to place gas meters in the cellars. If they were in any other part of the house there would be less cheerfulness in this world.

**Less Opportunity**  
(Wheeling Register)  
Neighbors do not have as much opportunity to gossip about the callers entertained by the young lady next door since the porch swing has been carried to the attic.

**Use of Savages**  
(Wheeling News)  
There is one consolation about the use of savages in the European war and that is that they will have to go some to beat their Christian allies.

**Down to Dogs**  
(Wheeling News)  
If the president wishes to do the nation a real service, he should declare French poodles a violation of neutrality.

## ANGEL OF LIGHT

(From Wheeling Intelligencer.)  
The McDowell Recorder draws a striking comparison of the work of two women in the coal fields of that section, which conveys its own impressive lesson. It refers, first, to the ministrations of a Miss Jordan, who it calls an "angel of light." This woman's wages are paid by the operators, and the Recorder states that both employers and employees are working in fellowship and harmony for the good of all. The achievement of this woman is the spreading of the sunlight of happiness, contentment and joy among the miners and their families by instructing mothers and children how to live economically, neatly and better. How to make their houses and surrounding real homes, not only for the body, but also for the soul, by having everything clean, comfortable and sanitary.

And what a noble work it is. It is the highest order of welfare work and makes most for progress and the betterment of humanity. It is in startling contrast to the accomplishments of another woman the Recorder refers to, a female agitator who at a time of great distress in the mining regions of the state went about inflaming the passion of the strikers, and actually urging them to deeds of violence, and

## Fragrant Bouquet

The Rev. J. R. Glenn of the Huntington Westmoreland Church of Christ declares that the Sunday Telegram "is a splendid tribute to the city of Clarksburg." The minister writes as follows:  
Huntington, W. Va., December 8, 1914.

The Clarksburg Telegram,  
Clarksburg, W. Va.  
Gentlemen:

The copy of the Sunday Telegram which you mailed the West Virginia Christian has come to my desk. Let me say I want to congratulate you upon the splendid paper you are putting out. I have had seven years' experience in the newspaper business and I believe I know a good paper when I see one. I am frank to tell you that the Sunday Telegram is a splendid tribute to the city of Clarksburg.

I desire to thank you personally for the splendid article you have given the public concerning the Prisoners' Relief Society of this city. I am thoroughly familiar with the society since I have been doing missionary work for them during the past few weeks. I want you to know that the society appreciates the write up. I have just this day called attention of our manager to the article and Mr. Dunning is well pleased with the publicity you have given us and with the fact that your valued paper is willing to come out boldly for the man and woman against whom the snares of this cold world are generally hurled. It is a fact, gentlemen, that nobody seems to care what becomes of the family of a prisoner and it shall be our purpose to stand by the girls and boys of his family while he is a prisoner so that if he lives to come out he may have the privilege of returning to a family as clean and virtuous as when he left it. We thank you for the article.

It becomes me just here to state that the West Virginia Christian, with which you have been exchanging, no longer exists. The paper was sold a few months ago and is now consolidated with one of our larger papers. I hate to lose the exchange but I must be fair with you. Let me thank you personally for every kindness you have extended the Christian throughout the past years. I bespeak for you a prosperous venture in your new field. I am,

Yours truly, J. R. GLENN.

## SANCTUM VAUDEVILLE

O'Brien—Sure, yar honor, 'twas a safety match.—London Opinion.

"May I say just a word before you impose sentence?" asked the street-railway magnate. "Well, what is it?" snapped the court. "Please remember, Your Honor, that you are imposing sentence and not granting me a franchise," he cautioned, fearing for the worst.—Buffalo Express.

"Man is made of dust," sighed the Sage.  
"Yes," replied the Fool. "And the kind of dust some men are made of wouldn't sell for 50 cents an acre."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

All things are less dreadful than they seem.—Wordsworth.

"He is very popular with his wife of late." "And him such a flirt. How does he do it?" "She called him up the other day and said: 'Hello, darling,' and he recognized her voice and replied: 'You have evidently made a mistake; I am not your darling. I have the dearest, sweetest, most beautiful wife in the world, and she is the only woman I permit to call me darling!'"—Houston Post.

Prove and know within your hearts that all things lovely and righteous are possible for those who believe in their possibility, and who determine that, for their part, they will make every day's work contribute to them.—Ruskin.

Politics—"What is your attitude in regard to our present form of government?"  
Autobus—"The same that I entertain toward my automobile. I know there's something wrong with it, but I don't know how to fix it"—Puck.

"What's become of the great basso, De Celer?"

"He's honking for an auto livery."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I would I were a bird," she sang.  
"I would you were," said her husband. "You could go South for the winter without it costing me anything."—Life.

Mrs. Scrapp—Statistics show that married men live longer than single men.

Scrappy—Yes, and it serves them right.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Featherby—I simply can't dress on \$5.00 a year!

Mr. Featherby—Why, wear less.

Mrs. Featherby—The less I wear the more it costs.—Judge.

## COMING EVENTS IN CLARKSBURG

Monday, December 14—"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," evening, Robinson Grand theater.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 14, 15 and 16—"The House Next Door," presented by the Barrett Players, Palace theater.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 17, 18 and 19—"Lone Rivers," presented by the Barrett Players, Palace theater.

Saturday, December 19—"The Quaker Girl," evening, Robinson Grand theater.

Friday, December 25—"A Fool There Was," evening, Robinson Grand theater.

Saturday, December 26—Sigma Gamma matinee dance, Masonic temple.

## MORE FLOWERS

A Splendid Edition  
A notable improvement in the field of journalism is the Sunday edition of the Clarksburg Telegram. The Telegram, always a credit to the city of Clarksburg, is more than ever a credit since it has begun to issue the splendid Sunday edition, the second issue of which appeared last Sunday—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Again!  
Mammoth and splendid affair—the Clarksburg Sunday Telegram—again!—Parkersburg State Journal.

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